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Art De Freitas, left, Derrick McGuigan and Lloyd McGuigan from the Fort Erie Music Fest donated a cheque of $1,000 to Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's music program, accepted by teacher Shannon Smith. Rosa De Freitas and Gord Gregory from Scotiabank were also in attendance for the donation, since the financial institution was one of the event's sponsors. The music festival took place in August at Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach.

Budget deferred

Council votes not to replenish reserve fund after last year's lighthouse decision

Kris Dubé
The Times

Council dove into the 2012 operating budget on Wednesday evening for over five hours and only two items were approved, before it was decided that a final endorsement of the year's spending won't be given until next month.

Local politicians went into the meeting, expecting to limit taxpayers to only a 2.9 per cent increase on their taxes paid to the municipality, but face many challenges to arrive at that figure.

Several "unaccommodated items" that were listed as expenditures that the Town could not budget for have been deferred until the next meeting in February. Although, two of those items were approved.

Local Business Improvement Associations will receive their request for $26,000 for the watering of plants and flowers in downtown cores and the Communities-in-Bloom group will be granted its request of $13,000 to compete in the national competition this year.

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Kinsmen Pool committee's $325,000 request debated at length

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The overall 2012 operating budget and general levy is calculated at $19,530, 872.

Much of the discussion on Wednesday evening was related to the Kinsmen Pool and its connection to council replenishing the facilities reserve fund with the $378,000 it spent to restore the Point Abino Lighthouse.

When council voted in favour of improving the historic landmark in Crystal Beach, it was said that when budget time hit the calendar that money would be placed back into the reserve fund.

In order to set aside the $325,000 the Kinsmen Pool fundraising committee needs to kick-start a fundraising feasibility study, to be paid for by the group of volunteers, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero said his colleagues need to own up to a promise they made last year and replace the money spent on the lighthouse last year. He requested the amount to be allocated to the 2013 budget.

Passero, who is the chair of the fundraising committee, also expressed concern that if council didn't agree to put any money on the table first, corporate sponsors would be weary to provide any additional monetary support.

"I can't bring back a legitimate feasibility study with any teeth to it if we don't have a council commitment first, to base it on," said Passero.

He also said that during his time working on finding a solution for the local swimming facility, he has learned that many local residents don't want to see it become history.

"The desire and the demand has been proven," he said.

Last year, council voted in favour of closing the pool for the 2012 season until a remedy is found.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill was not in favour of committing to the funding request made by the committee because he doesn't know that the feasibility study on fundraising will prove, at this point.

"Until the time we see it, it's still a grey area," said Hill.

Passero re-iterated his stance that it would be difficult to approach potential donors to the cause, if he can't tell them the local government is on the diving board with them to support renewing the facility.

He needs a commitment from his colleagues.

"Nobody is going to let me in their office based on that type of conversation," aid Passero.

Mayor Doug Martin placed a motion on the table for council to reimburse the facilities reserve so the municipality could get itself back to a comfortable financial position that would have impacts on future budget considerations. Without putting the $378,000 back where it came from, he feels that won't happen.

> **"I don't know where this huge community support for this pool is."**
>
> *— Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard*

"This council promised it would put $378,000 back into the reserve," said Martin.

"We can make all the promises we want," he added.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard respected Passero's position on the pool, but was hesitant to agree with there being a strong need for such a facility in Greater Fort Erie.

"I don't know where this huge community support for this pool is," said Collard.

"Nobody has called me and told me this pool needs to be built," he added.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts compared the pool's fundraising needs to the Crystal Ridge Community Centre and how the community rallied to raise enough funds for its construction in 1997.

"I don't see why that can't happen again," said Lubberts.

"I think the money can be raised without council's commitment."

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley commended the pool committee for all of its hard work and dedication, but said the upcoming year is one with many uncertainties... especially with the Fort Erie Racetrack entering its third and final year of receiving dollars through a provincial commitment. Therefore, he was unable to vote in favour of setting aside $325,000 for the pool.

"2012 is a year we can be facing some serious changes... a lot is at stake," said Steckley.

Other budget items that remain up for consideration are a $200,000 request from the War of 1812 bicentennial planning committee, a request in excess of $137,000 from the Fort Erie Public Library, $250,000 to implement a waterfront strategy, a $20,000 request for the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation's Greater Toronto Area marketing campaign and the second request of $25,000 from Family and Children Services for a facility grant.

A $25,000 request for a web marketing video also remains on the table.

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Crack dealers charged

Niagara Falls Street Crime Detectives conducted a short investigation in relation to two females dealing crack cocaine in the Fort Erie area. Detectives arrested the females during a drug transaction at a local Fort Erie restaurant. Detectives located crack cocaine and cash in the females' vehicle. Detectives then executed a Search Warrant at their hotel room in Niagara Falls and located more crack cocaine, marijuana and cash. In total over $3,900 worth of crack cocaine was seized along with a quantity of cash.

Charged are a 22-year-old female and 25-year-old female.

Speedway OMB hearing stalled by conflicting schedules

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pre-hearing conference on the Canadian Motor Speedway was held on Tuesday to determine when the actual proceedings will begin.

Due to several conflicting schedules between the appellants, legal counsel and experts retained by all parties...a date still has not been solidified.

The final decision that was made at Tuesday's conference was that a telephone meeting will be held on February 17 to work on arriving at a specific date.

The hearing is expected to last up to four weeks and is the result of opposition to the track's challenging of the Town and the Region amending official plans to allow the facility to drive forward.

There are three remaining appellants, in total.

Dates in May, June and August were all discussed but could not be agreed upon by all the parties.

"Hopefully in that conference call we'll be able to set a date for the final hearing once all the parties have a chance to consult with their witnesses experts and schedules," said Heather Salter, the Town of Fort Erie's legal counsel.

Needed to agree on a set date are the Niagara Region, the Town of Fort Erie, the Canadian Motor Speedway proponents, the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie, the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society and one individual appellant.

"It's often difficult to coordinate when you have so many parties involved in a hearing," said Salter.

The lawyer representing the CGFE, L. Triano, asked at the pre-bearing for a date later than April to be set, because there are outstanding documents that in her estimation have not been finalized and require completion before the real debate can begin.

"We see them as critical before we could even set a date," she said.

Andrew Pritchard, from Norton Rose Canada, the legal counsel for the speedway's proponents, said the reports in question, which are pre-conditions of the zoning by-law amendment, have been calculated but not officially rubber-stamped and distributed.

"We're in position to provide Ms. Triano with the documents we'll be relying on," said Pritchard during the pre-hearing conference.

He said the by-law amendment made by the Town of Fort Erie won't come into affect until the remaining studies have been completed to the satisfaction of the Town and the Region.

Speaking to the *Times* after the conference had adjourned, Pritchard explained that the studies will move forward formally if and when the OMB rules in favour of the development.

"If none of the approvals are in place in principle, no one is going to spend the money to do the next study," he said.

A list of issues that will be touched on at the hearing when it takes place was provided.

The first is a question of whether or not the Town and Region's amendments of their respective official plans and zoning by-law are consistent with the provincial policy statement from 2005, specifically related to managing and directing land use, economic prosperity and tourism, natural heritage, water, agriculture and the removal of agricultural lands.

Another issue that will be addressed during the hearing is if the Town and Region's official plan and zoning by-law amendments conform to the provincial growth strategy.

The technical studies that were brought up in conversation within the dialogue at the pre-hearing are also expected to be addressed. The related topics include noise, agriculture, environmental impact, traffic, servicing and stormwater management.

Another topic to be touched on is whether or not policies have been put in place within the zoning by-law's holding provisions that remaining technical issues will be fully addressed by the time construction begins on the project.

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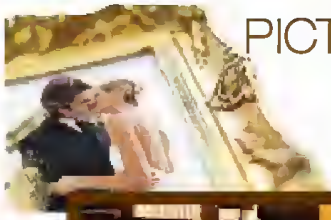

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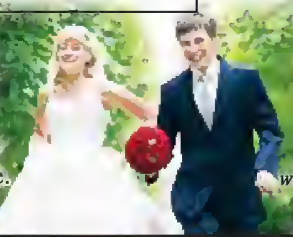

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our editorial

Theatre production a great history lesson

A history lesson is always more informative when it is entertaining and fun.

That's an accurate description of the Dominion Repertory Theatre's production of the Lion and the Eagle, a play that is set in a tavern before the War of 1812 and is a commentary on the early stages of the battle.

In June, the Niagara Region is going to be flooded with war re-enactors, history buffs and dignitaries to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

This play was an excellent kick-off to what area residents can expect... enthusiasm for local history and plenty of opportunity to be educated about the war.

The bicentennial planning committee, the 1812 Legacy Council, and those who crafted this wonderfully delivered spectacle at the Old Fort in the month of January deserve nothing but praise for their efforts.

Even for audience members who have a minimal interest in history or knowledge about it, this was a great segue into what can be expected and how important our local history is.

-Kris Dubé

Do You Remember?

Last week's photo was identified by Tim Foster and his sister, Carol Foster Ferrari. The gentlemen in the picture are left to right, Carmen Ferrari and Domenic Ferrari (Carol's husband). The brothers were owners of a furniture manufacturing company (Ferrari Ornamental) in Toronto. The 'Bull and Matador' was their mascot, as well as being an award winning art piece created in the late 1950s, early 1960s. This was truly a family effort as the piece was executed by the brothers, their father Simone, their sister and brother-in-law, Siria and Julivio Speranza. Both Siria and Julivio lived in Fort Erie when this photo was taken in January of 1966 at the Furniture Show held every year at the CNE in Toronto.

This week's photo has several names on the back: Ann Woods, Madeline Faiazza (3rd from the right) and Art and Anne Somer---. If you know Art and Anne's full last name or anything else about this photo, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Council doesn't pay back its promise made about lighthouse

Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

I wish I didn't have to pay back my student loans, but unfortunately when you borrow money...it is expected that it will paid back in most cases.

On Wednesday evening, local politicians and staff considered the 2012 operating budget and one of the first orders of business put on the table by mayor Doug Martin was the replenishment of the facilities reserve fund that was depleted last year when council chose to restore the Point Abino Lighthouse.

When council made this decision, a promise was made that these funds would be replaced when budget time arrived.

Council was given the opportunity to own up to this promise, but fell short of doing so.

I'm not using this editorial to focus on whether or not the restoration of the heritage landmark in Crystal Beach was a good one, because I honestly do see both sides of the issue. People on favour of the improvements claim it is an integral part of our local history and identity and I agree with this.

Those who feel there could have been better use of these funds, say that it was an unnecessary expenditure because access to the lighthouse is extremely limited and it doesn't serve any purpose, other than standing tall along our local waterfront.

I see both arguments and have no issue with either of them.

But, council was warned that moving ahead with this project would have a nearly two per cent increase on the general levy and that in the new year it would be its responsibility to pay for it.

Fair enough, right?

Unfortunately, council chose not to put the money back because it would have an impact on the taxpayer this year.

To put it in simple terms, this was known all along.

I completely understand where certain members of council are coming from when they say that taxes need to be kept to a minimum, but this should have been taken into account when the lighthouse decision was made.

Did they really think that staff and other members of council would completely forget about over $370,000 that was allocated for this project?

I completely understand how challenging the budget process is for members of council and I certainly don't envy them...being faced with as many challenges as they are.

But this is a challenge that four members of council created for themselves.

I'm not trying to pick on council members or seem like someone who only finds the negative in certain situations, but this is something I feel needs to be said.

Councillors should not be surprised by the fact that replenishing the reserve fund will put a burden on taxpayers... they knew that when the restoration project was approved.

Aiming for a minimal overall increase is more than admirable, but sometimes you have to bite the bullet and be responsible for the decisions that have been made.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or you can send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Other critical issues need attention

Dear Editor,

When will real governance start on Fort Erie Town Council? Nobody knows.

In my humble opinion, as the world economy worsened long ago, so did a town with so much potential. Watching it unfold from our family restaurants over the past 39 years, I am saddened by the many business closures, factories and failed relationships that followed in direct result of these very closures. As most know, unemployment is at its highest peak and there is no clear sign of recovery.

To date, nothing has replaced what so many of us remember and cherish in the days of good paying jobs and businesses and services that catered to charitable organizations and causes that benefited from these prospering businesses.

The province of Ontario has been doing their part in allowing our reversal of fortune, but some keep denying plans to help us recover our prominence in our region.

It seems at the worst possible time in our history, a lot of misinformation has brought some of us to argue over who said what, where, when and why. It seems those of us that searched for the actual facts on a particular issue were dismissed or ridiculed and even slandered for being outspoken about our factual beliefs.

Fort Erie Town Council should share in the blame as they spent almost every week in their inaugural year, deliberating one particular issue that most are not interested in as our last municipal election clearly showed only one third of the eligible voter actually voted leaving the majority of town looking for closure.

Don't get me wrong, every issue needs deliberation but lets do it in a timely fashion. The frustration for many of us is based not from assumptions but from actual events leading up to this very week on Town Council which in fact mentioned this particular issue once more.

Will so many other critical issues that put many in financial jeopardy in town get the same focus or are they less important by certain councillors?

If apologies are neccessary for everyone to come together as a community, I'll be the first to personally apologize for everything said and even anything not said to everyone on both sides of this one particular issue that has been contested far too long without closure and some have even made personal. Apologies are something that I've been accustomed to lately, as I meet many that watch our town's every move and could possibly help our standing in the region and the province.

Last week's editorials in the Fort Erie Times, seem to be the continuom of many more misinformed facts and baseless predictions about another proposed plan that needs professional closure at an OMB Hearing. Hopefully those that are clearly interested in the facts will attend this OMB hearing as the previous issue was poorly attended and the misinformation continued without probable cause.

This time, we should all let the true facts speak for themselves and put personal opinions aside and not fuel more unneccessary polarization in a town dear to us all!

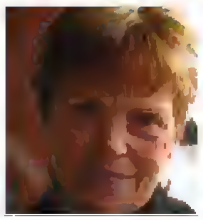
Peter Koutroulakis

The TIMES Asks

Are you glad winter is in full swing and the snow is finally here?

John Putman

"No, I'm never happy when the snow is here."



Susan Ingram

"I find it's not too bad on sunny days, but I have problems when it gets too cold. "

Ben Lyrett

" No, it's too hard on all the vehicles with the salt and the snow."

Shirley Brown

"No, because I work in home care and it makes it harder to get around."

What do you think?

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Reader fires back at letters from last week's issue

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter to the editor in last weeks paper I felt compelled to write in response.

Everything printed it this letter with regard to LEAD and the effects on health is true.

That has been well documented.

Where I have the problem, comes with the fact that race cars have not used leaded fuel since 2008. It is well documented that the fuel race cars now use is safe for the environment. Anyone with a computer at their disposal can look up this information. I have no issue with people having an opinion different than mine but when false or outdated information is being used as a scare tactic to oppose a development and sway the general pubic it would seem like history repeating itself.

I am fully awake and have thought carefully about this development. I do understand that we may have some issues to work though or just put up with when it comes to traffic on race weekends and some noise. The same problems that Crystal Beach faced every summer when the amusement park was open and people riding the roller coaster were screaming as they rode. I'm sure that the noise kept many awake during the hours the park was open. The traffic was slowed to a couple of miles an hour because of volume of people and cars in the area.

That too was mostly part time summer jobs that paid the way for many students' post secondary education. As a business owner on Jarvis Street, I realize that many of the people that come to the races will not come to my store to buy jewellery or have a watch battery changed, however many of the people working at the new speedway will probably be potential customers now that they have jobs.

Like any project there are pros and cons. I am the type of person that can look at both sides and understand that some will be against the speedway and that's OK. As long as they stick to the truth and not misrepresent it and respect all others and not refer to them as "off shore developers coming to gut and pave the land.....etc." "will glean their profits while duped residents will be forced to live with dangerous air and noise pollution and foot the bill...etc."

I find those type of statements offensive and as a Canadian citizen (not born in Canada). I would like to apologize to the developers for those statements and assure them that most of us welcome the opportunity for Fort Erie to move ahead with the future that includes a world class speedway and welcome a $400 million investment in the Niagara Region.

Lesley North
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PUBLIC NOTICES

(1) Water & Wastewater Services
2012 Community Lead Sampling Program

The first cycle of our 2012 Community Lead Sampling Program will run from January 23, 2012 through April 15, 2012.

The presence of lead in drinking water may be as a result of lead service piping, older cast iron water main with lead joints, lead based solder in copper plumbing, or some brass fixtures may contain lead.

To participate in this program please call 905-871-1600 ext. 2465 to schedule an appointment for sample collection by our Licensed Operators. Sample collection will take about 45 minutes and all participants will be provided with copies of the sample results.

Grant Boutin, Manager, Water/Wastewater Services

(2) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

(3) COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking individuals interested in serving the community by standing for appointment to boards and committees where vacancies currently exist ***(Please see By-laws establishing each of the boards at the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees".)***

Expressions of interest for consideration of appointment to the below noted boards and committees are invited from residents/business owners. ***Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices – Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office*** and will be received by the undersigned **up to and including Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

(1) BRIDGEBURG STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – One (1) director vacancy. Pursuant to Section 10 of By-law No. 183-07, if a Board vacancy occurs for any cause, a person may be appointed by Council to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. **Purpose:** To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgeburg Station Downtown B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

(2) COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE – Five (5) citizen appointee vacancies. Purpose: To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(3) FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Two (2) citizen appointee vacancies and One (1) student from a secondary institution vacancy. Purpose: To provide a committee for residents, elected officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people-powered transportation (walking, biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(4) FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy. Purpose: To govern the affairs of the libraries including policy development and advocacy for the public library services in Fort Erie, all in accordance with the Public Libraries Act. Qualifications. Town of Fort Erie resident, Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age.

(5) MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE / RAILROAD MUSEUM AND HERITAGE BUILDING DESIGNATION – Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies. Purpose: This committee is comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) Museum Services and (2) Built Heritage. Members are needed with specific interest in the Fort Erie Railroad Museum and the 6218 steam engine; and interest in designating heritage homes, buildings and sites and advising on the Point Abino Lighthouse. Sub-committees meet approximately once a month. Current projects include developing an inventory of heritage homes, raising community awareness regarding the 6218 repair project, and maintaining existing cultural heritage services.

(6) SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Two (2) appointee vacancies from community at large (age 50 & over). Purpose: To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie for planning and hosting social events and to determine the need for increased senior citizen services.

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

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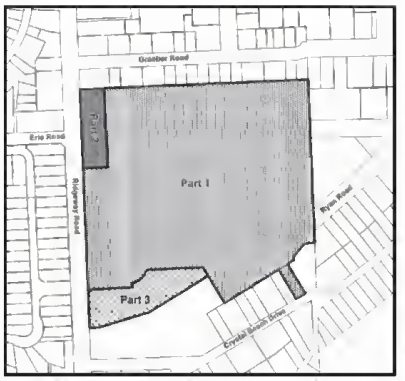
(4) NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW
Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT STEPHEN FRASER OF A.J. CLARKE AND ASSOCIATES
OWNER: MARZ HOLMES (FALCON) INC. FILE #: 350309-0330



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 05-12 on the 16th day of January, 2012 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 10th day of February, 2012, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

This property is also subject to an Application for Plan of Subdivision, File No. 35030B-00B7. Town of Fort Erie Council granted Draft Plan Approval at its Regular Meeting held January 16th, 2012.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 05-12 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above as follows: Part 1 from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-1B6 (H) Zone" to "Residential Multiple 1 Holding RM1-462(H) Zone"; Part 2 from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-1B6 (H) Zone" to "Core Mixed Use Holding CMU-463 (H) Zone"; and Part 3 from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-186 (H) Zone" to "Open Space OS-464 Zone".

In addition, By-law 05-12 amends Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by adding Section 5.75 (o) – Definition for "Dwelling, Stacked Townhouse".

By-law 05-12 further amends Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the lands shown as Part 1 on the location map from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-186 (H) Zone" to site specific "Residential Multiple 1 Holding RM1-462(H) Zone" to permit a variety of residential uses. These lands are zoned Residential Multiple 1 Holding RM1-462(H) Zone. Once the Holding has been removed, after the Subdivision Agreement has been approved by the Council of the Town of Fort Erie, the lands shall comply with the Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone, except for the following special provisions:

The addition of "stacked townhouse dwellings" to the list of permitted uses. Also, a number of modifications to the regulations for stacked and block townhouse dwellings such as lot frontage, lot coverage, interior side yard, building height, landscape strip, distance between buildings on same lot, privacy area, distance from building to internal driveways and parking areas, driveway location, and parking area location.

In addition, a number of modifications to the regulations for street townhouses such as lot area, lot coverage, front yard, interior side yard, exterior side yard, rear yard, building height, planting strip, minimum distance between buildings on same lot, density, planting strips, driveway location, and parking areas location.

A number of modifications to the regulations for single detached dwellings such as lot frontage, lot area, lot coverage, front yard, interior side yard, rear yard, and floor area.

Modifications to the General Provisions – Parking Area Regulations in Section 6.20 (l).

By-law 05-12 further amends Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the lands shown as Part 2 on the location map from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-186 (H) Zone" to site specific "Core Mixed Use Holding CMU-463 (H) Zone" to permit single detached dwellings. These lands, indicated as Part 2 on the location map are zoned Core Mixed Use Holding CMU-463 (H) Zone. Once the Holding has been removed, after the Council of the Town of Fort Erie has approved the Subdivison Agreement, these lands shall comply with the Core Mixed Use (CMU) Zone, except for the following special provisions:

The addition of "single detached dwellings" to the list of permitted uses. Also, a number of modifications to the regulations for single detached dwellings such as lot frontage, lot area, lot coverage, front yard, interior side yard, rear yard, and floor area.

By-law 05-12 further amends Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the lands shown as Part 3 on the location map from "General Commercial C2 Holding C2-186 (H) Zone" to site specific "Open Space OS-464 Zone". These lands indicated as Part 3 on the location map are zoned "Open Space OS-464 Zone". The lands shall comply with the Open Space (OS) Zone, except that these lands shall only be used for a Stormwater Management Facility.

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BREAKING NEWS: Gold prices continue to soar!

THE ROADSHOW FINALLY COMES BACK TO FORT ERIE!!

By: Michael Ross
Great Canadian Roadshow
Staff Writer

After a successful week in Huntsville, the roadshow is coming to Fort Erie next week! So you better search through your attics and basements, go through your lock boxes and jewelry, because you may be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it! Roadshow experts are here to examine all your antiques, collectibles, gold, and silver.

During our show in Victoria, a woman came in with a jewelry box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewelry," explained Cheryl Barnes, "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over $2,100 for jewelry she was never going to wear anyways.

Expert Cliff Edwards explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewelry boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot! ".

At another Roadshow event, a woman walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800's, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Raymond Flack explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over $2,000!! She also had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". All in all, Roadshow customer Linda Donaldson was able to cash in with $4,500! "I'm so happy, "Linda explains, "I never would have thought that my old tin of coins was worth so much! I can finally afford to renovate my kitchen."

Raymond Flack continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value."

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE, as well as educate you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bisque dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Dinky Toys and Matchbox Cars. Lionel Trains and a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectables, we can always make an offer to buy it.

So whether you have an old toy car, a broken gold chain, or a Barbie sitting in the closet, bring it down to the Roadshow, we will take a look at it for FREE and it could put money in your pocket!

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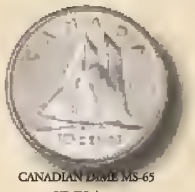
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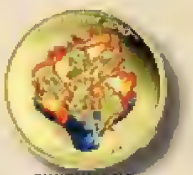
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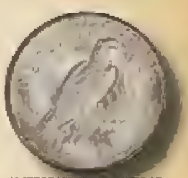
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PURCHASING ALL SCRAP SILVER

Horsemen to fund seven extra race dates

Season coming out of the gate on May 6

As a result of a historic agreement between the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) of Ontario and the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC), seven additional Thoroughbred racing dates have been added to the 2012 schedule.

During a press conference held on October 18, it was announced that the 2012 racing season would be shortened by seven less racing dates citing "market conditions and financial constraints" which would have seen the season come to an end on October 16th, 2012.

The HBPA is an association which represents owners and trainers of thoroughbred racehorses.

The HBPA initiated an application to the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) for the use of the funding for both the added purse structure and operational costs to fulfill the added dates at Fort Erie.

With the additional seven days of racing, the 2012 Fort Erie racing season will now conclude on Tuesday, October 30.

"Once again I congratulate the board of the HBPA for finding a way to support live racing at Fort Erie," said Sue Leslie, President of the HBPA of Ontario.

"We wanted to do all we can to encourage a healthy horse population for the start up of the 2012 racing season. We hope this will encourage our trainers and owners to participate at Fort Erie in even larger numbers providing full fields in order to help the purse account and cover the expenses of the FELRC."

The FELRC is a community, not-for-profit corporation with the sole mission of maintaining and enhancing live racing at the historic 115 year old, Fort Erie Race Track. It was founded by the Fort Erie EDTC, the HBPA of Ontario and the Town of Fort Erie whom govern and operate it.

"We have a terrific and vibrant relationship with the HBPA because of our unique mission and shared goals," said Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the FELRC.

"As strong advocates for live racing, we share the zeal to do better and more for our industry and those who rely upon it. But as a not-for-profit corporation we are ever diligent in our need to operate within our financial resources. We were therefore very excited when the HBPA proposed the application to the ORC for seven additional days of racing and we are all pleased the ways and means were approved."

Opening day of live racing is scheduled to begin Sunday, May 6.

The 2012 season will be the third under the not-for-profit model, operated by the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

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Local girl nominated for Junior Citizen of the Year award

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The Times

Brittney Whitaker has a long list of accomplishments under her belt—just 16 years-old, the Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS) student remains actively involved volunteering in her church, school and her community.

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Brittney Whitaker, 16, shows off some of her awards for her volunteer work and dedication to the community. The student from Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School was recently nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

And for her dedication and involvement, Whitaker has been nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

The teenager is one of 176 young people across Ontario who are being recognized for their contributions to the community. If she is chosen, Whitaker will be one of 12 people awarded the citizenship award on Jan. 25.

"She's so mature for her age," says Whitaker's mom, Janine.

"I'm so proud of her and what she has accomplished. These days, a lot of kids are falling into things such as drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. I'm fortunate enough to not fall into that category of struggling parents."

The proud mother says her daughter is always on-the-go with volunteer commitments.

"Most of the time we just check in with each other and Brittney is out the door to volunteer."

Whitaker and her mom moved to Crystal Beach from Nova Scotia when she was eight years-old. Not long after she arrived, Whitaker says she began to get involved in a community where she didn't know anyone.

The teenager is being recognized for her involvement at the Sherkston Brethren in Christ YouthGroup, where she has been working toward becoming a leader and a worship leader.

She has been involved in various activities at the Crystal Ridge Community Church which include acting as a Sparks Leader- in-training and a Sunday school assistant helping children learn bible verses and the gospel.

Whitaker has also been an active member of the Crystal Ridge Skating Club as a skater, and an assistant helping her coaches teach younger skaters.

In 2008, Whitaker was honoured with the opportunity to be a legislative page in Queen's Park—it's a program offered to Grade 7 or 8 students and Whitaker was the first student from Crystal Beach Public School to attend.

For a month, Whitaker participated in parliamentary procedures by delivering bills, motions, petitions, and official documents to members of parliament.

"It was such an amazing opportunity to be a page," says Whitaker, adding "I've always found politics interesting. I've always thought it's important to be an active member in politics even if I can't vote."

> **"I thoroughly enjoy helping people. It's always good to put a smile on someone else's face."**
>
> *— Brittney Whitaker*

Whitaker says she has always enjoyed volunteering, although it can be stressful at times, especially with her school work and responsibilities as a volunteer.

"I thoroughly enjoy helping people. It's always good to put a smile on someone else's face."

While maintaining her status on the honour roll, Whitaker is actively involved in the drama department at RCBHS, acting as stage manager for the school's upcoming production of "Rhinoceros."

The dedicated student also spends one or two days a week working a part-time job at the Boutique Movie Theatre in Ridgeway.

Whitaker has many ideas about what she wants to do when she graduates from high school next year—she says she dreams of being a lawyer, a politician, a psychiatrist, or an actress.

"I have no idea what I want to be exactly. But, I do know I want to be with people. It's important that I help people in some way and I want to love what I do."

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'Time to start playing hockey,' says Meteors head coach

Matt McNevin
Special to the Times

After getting blown out 8-0 and 6-1 on back-to-back nights, Fort Erie Meteors head coach Clint Strachan said it may be time to "shake some things up."

"We have a junior C affiliate team in Clarington [Ont.] and we have some good young talent down there that's chomping at the bit to get an opportunity to come up and play and we're going to start exploring those options," Strachan said.

He said he hopes this "sends a message to some of our players that it's time to step up and start playing good hockey."

The Meteors, who were coming off an 8-0 loss to the St. Catharines Falcons on Friday night, lost 6-1 to the Thorold Blackhawks on Saturday, marking their fifth straight loss.

Thorold took the lead 6:34 into the first on a wrist shot that beat Meteors goalie Matt Stuart.

Stuart said their play in the first period is the reason they lost.

"We played sloppy in our own end and gave up too many odd man rushes. We played better in the second half, but the slow start cost us."

Fort Erie's lone goal came with 20 seconds remaining in the second period when Dallas Ingram shot the puck over the Thorold goalie's glove hand. After scoring, Ingram celebrated by "Tebowing", the act of dropping to a knee and placing ones fist on their forehead, named after the devoutly religious Denver Broncos Quarterback Tim Tebow, who performs the gesture after every touchdown.

"I closed my eyes and prayed, and that's why I did the Tebow," Ingram said of his goal and celebration.

Ingram said his thoughts are now on their next game, Thursday night in Thorold against the Blackhawks.

"We're going to be a different looking team. We're coming down to crunch time because of playoffs, so we want to come out and show them what we have. We have to get some respect in this league."

Fort Erie Meteor Aaron Wanat taking a face-off on Saturday night, during a 6-1 loss to the Thorold Blackhawks. The Meteors are at home tonight against Welland at 7:15 p.m.

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Kristopher Scott, a student at St. Joseph's Elementary School eyeing up the hoop at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition, held on Thursday at the YMCA.

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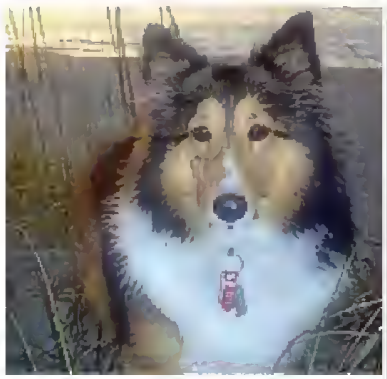

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Friday, January 27th
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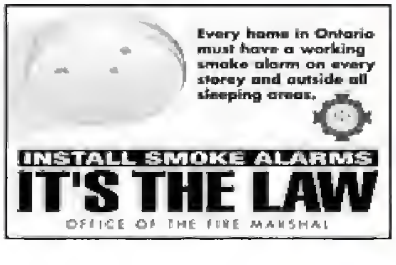
Doors open 5:30, draws 6:30 p.m.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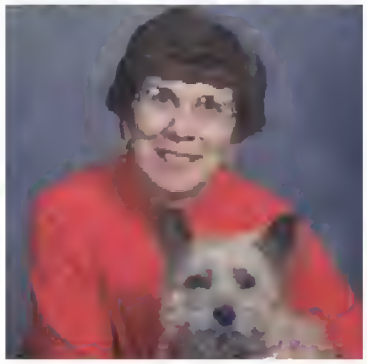
Birthday greetings



Carol House of Ridgeway, ON is turning 80!
Family, friends and former students are invited to an Open House in her honour on Saturday, January 28, from 1 - 4 p.m. at Stevensville United Brethren Church
2536 Stevensville Road
Best wishes only or bring some pet food for the S.P.C.A.

Happy Birthday,
Sarah Dobson
Sweet 16!
January 21st
Love Aunt Susie and Uncle Rick
and all your friends in Fort Erie.

Birthday greetings

Please join us in celebrating
Anne Kline's 80th Birthday!
Open House
January 29th, 2012 - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Fort Erie Conservation Club,
2555 Ott Road, Stevensville, Ont.
Shhhhh - it's a SURPRISE!!
(Best wishes only)

Thank You Cards

WOW WHAT A PARTY!!
I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who attended, sent cards, gifts, flowers and well wishes for my 90th Birthday Party at Artemis Restaurant on December 26th. Special thanks to my children, Trudie, Reg and Gerry for arranging such a great party.
Phyllis Goulding

In memoriam

Donald George Rivet (Gumby)
April 10, 1952 - January 24, 2011
We thought of you today
But that is nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow, too.
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show,
For what it meant of lose you
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day,
It's the heartache of losing you
That will never go away.
You will be forever loved by your family
Brothers Bob and Brian, sister Julie
and Mom (Mary Lou)

Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

Memoriam Verse #39
To remember a loved one with this verse
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In memoriam

GREG KLAUCK
January 20, 2007
We love you forever.
We like you for always.
As long as we're living.
Our uncle you'll be.
Love, Alyssa, Lexi and Brooke.
Never forgotten,
Love, Chris and Leanne.

In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and Papa
LES COOPER
May 31st, 1936 - January 22nd, 2011
Sadly, our lives go on without you,
But nothing is the same.
We try to hide our heartache,
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you,
Is the hardest part of all.
Dearly loved, forever missed.

In loving memory of
Maynard (Hook) Martin
1929 - 2004
Eight years have past. Time sure goes fast.
Seems like only yesterday you left us.
But our good memories we have.
You'll live on in our hearts forever.
Miss you every day.
Love always, Eleanor and Family.

In loving memory of
William E. Bailey
November 17, 1935 - January 19, 2006
Roses are red, Violets are blue.
It's been six years, Since we lost you.
You're in our hearts,
Forever more.
For there isn't a day,
We don't miss you even more.
We love and miss you very much.
Your loving wife Clara and Family.

Roger Edward Hill
1962 - 2008
Four years ago, we lost our husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend.
On this day sadly you are not here with us today. As you watch down on us we miss your smile, laugher and the warmth of your heart, though we believe the ones we love don't go away. You walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but you'll always be near. Still loved, missed and never forgotten. Always in our hearts and prayers. God bless you. Love you, wife Tammy, your children Steven (Laura), Kayla, Jason, Jessica. Your grandchildren Jada and Leana, your friends and family.

Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

Memoriam Verse #38
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In memoriam

SALLY KOWALSKI
January 26, 2011

Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
It's just the pain of losing you
That never goes away

You are with us always
Love your children
Linda, Terry, Kathy & Karen

Windsoretta McMillan
05.12.37 - 01.22.10

Death leaves a heartache and an almost unbearable pain no one but God can heal.
Love leaves memories no one can steal.
Sadly, gone are the days we used to share with Windsoretta, but in our hearts she is always there: Q.D.A.A.T.

SALLY KOWALSKI
January 26, 2011

Loving thoughts till the end of time
Of a wonderful wife I am proud was mine
Gone from my side, already one year
She is missed with a grief beyond all tears

Remembering you
Your loving husband
Fred

In memoriam

Roy Anderson
6/23/29 - 1/23/09

He Was
He was conceived
He was born
He was a baby
He was a boy
He was a teen
He was a son
He was a brother
He was a man
He was a leader
He was a volunteer
He was a friend
He was a husband
He was a father
He was loved
He is loved
He is missed

Deaths

McSORLEY, Stevanya (Stella) - Peacefully at the Welland County General Hospital on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Stella McSorley, beloved wife of the late James L. McSorley (1998) and cherished mother of Nancy Gorham (Scott Herdman). Loving grandmother of Bradley and Pamela. Stella is also survived by her nieces and nephew. She was predeceased by her parents Stana and George Poich and by her siblings Rose, Steve, Eli and David. Stella lived her life devoted to her family, her church and the community enjoying and enriching the lives of those around her. Interment took place at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery on Friday, January 20th at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. A service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, January 28th at 11 o'clock at People's Memorial United Church, Ridgeway. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution in Stella's memory to The Fort Erie S.P.C.A or to People's Memorial United Church through **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road who have been entrusted with the arrangements. Sharing of condolences, memories of Stella is encouraged at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

Deaths

CLEMENTS-POTTER, Leanne - It is with tremendous sadness that Leanne Clements and Robert Potter announce the death of their infant son Evan at the McMaster Hospital in Hamilton on January 11th, 2012. Evan's family would have included his Grandparents Betty Ann and David Clements, Wayne and Helen Potter, great grandparents Jim Potter, Gene Clements and Elizabeth Gallagher as well as aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by great grandparents Alice Potter, Imre Ferencz, Donald Clements and Terry Gallagher. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday January 21st at 11 am. Interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

WEBB, Flossie Merle - On Tuesday January 17, 2012, Flossie passed away peacefully at Maple Park Lodge at the age of 94 years. Predeceased by husband William A. Webb and by her oldest son William J. Webb. Survived by son Robert "Bob" (Carol), grandchildren Richard (Denise), Michael (Terri), Jennifer (Howie), Lisa (Kirk), John and Shelley, eleven great grandchildren and sisters Margaret Goulding, Edna Biggins and Norma Saldutto. Flossie will be missed by many nephews and nieces. Visitation for Flossie was held at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A service to celebrate her life was held in the chapel on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment had followed at McAffee Cemetery. In memory of Flossie, memorial contributions would be appreciated to Maple Park Lodge, Salvation Army or to the Canadian Red Cross. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

JOHNS, Ginette Mary - Peacefully surrounded by family and close friends at her home on January 16, 2012 at the age of 56. Beloved wife of David Johns. Loving mother of Anne Marie, Joanne (Randy Kenezone) and Joseph Cirillo. Stepmother of David (Jan), Tim (Mary), JoAnne (Kenny) Thomasula, Scott (Lorie), Deb (Bill) Owens, Patti (Keith) Ratcliffe, Lori (Dave Marinaro), Dara (Carl Sollen). Adored grandmother of Cullen, Trevor, Ellen, Cason, Audrey, Nolan, Ben, Elizabeth, Melissa, Matt, Kendelle, Thomas, Mitchell, Brandon, Dylan, Kolton and Rylan. Ginette will be dearly missed by her sisters and brothers: Nicole (Guy) Chartrand, Lucie Guilbeault, Roxanne (Greg) Prisiany, Louie (Wendy) Guilbeault and Marc (Gail) Guilbeault as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and treasured friends. Ginette was predeceased by her parents Liliane and Lucien Guilbeault. At Ginette's request, cremation has taken place. A funeral mass was held at St. George's Church and interment took place at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. A very sincere thank you to Nurse Gail, Aunt Lin, Dr. Gleeson and the wonderful CCAC (Saint Elizabeth), VON and Visiting Angels nurses for their support, love and compassion. The family would appreciate donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905 894 0120.

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